

NSC BRIEFING

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SOVIET MISSILE TESTS

I. Moscow has now designated an impact area in the central Pacific for the tests we have been expecting.

A. It is about half the size of the 45,000 square mile area used for extended range tests last January and is centered on its southeastern edge.

1. In January there were two 6,500 nautical mile launchings

from Tyura Tam

II. According to Moscow, the tests will be conducted between 5 and 31 July and will involve "new types of powerful multi-stage carrier rockets" in support of the Soviet space program.

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B. The Sibir instrumentation vessels were last reported in the center of the announced impact area and the tests could begin at any time.

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